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1. NICOSIA FIELD CLUB (CLAY COURT) AND PANCYPRIAN LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION EAGER SPONSOR TAU PROGRAM WITH US IF VISIT CAN BE ARRANGED FOLLOWING CONCLUSION MIDEAST TOUR. AS POST HAS HAD NO CU/IAP (OR CU/CP) PROJECTS IN SOME YEARS URGE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER EXTENDING TOUR TO INCLUDE CYPRUS.

2. LOCAL TRAVEL AGENTS ADVISE NICOSIA BREAK IN JIDDA- NEW YORK RETURN TRAVEL SHOULD IMPOSE NO FARE INCREASE. USIS NICOSIA/LOCAL SPONSORS PREPARED FUND FOUR-DAY PER DIEM EXPENSES IF NECESSARY. ANY HONORARIUM REQUIRED COULD BE MET FROM RESOURCES HERE ONLY IF TAU MEMBERS WILLING PLAY EXHIBITION MATCHES AMONG THEMSELVES OR, PREFERABLY, WITH CYPRIOT CHAMPIONS. ADMISSION TO THESE EVENTS WOULD BE BY PAID TICKET. ALTHOUGH CYPRUS IS VERY TENNIS-CONSCIOUS, LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS OPERATE WITH MINIMAL BUDGETS.

3. FIELD CLUB AND PLTA ARE AMONG FEW INSTITUTIONS WHICH REACH INTO BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES AND INCLUDE AMONG RESPECTIVE MEMBERSHIPS A GOOD MANY PROFESSIONAL, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT AND YOUTH LEADERS, SOME OF WHOM NOT REGULARLY REACHED BY OTHER PROGRAMMING. ANTICIPATE VISIT WOULD DRAW WIDE MEDIA ATTENTION, ELITE AUDIENCES KNOW TO US

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AND INTEREST STILL OTHER LEADERSHIP ELEMENTS IN CU/USIS

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